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3. (U) Chavez's rhetorical imagery seems more violent, such as the now-infamous references that he would "use pliers" to "tighten some nuts." He later brandished a set of pliers during a speech. In another incident when a woman peasant showed him a hoe, Chavez suggested that it would work better if she sharpened its edge. As

on December 12, in today's more intense political environment, Chavez's pugnacious remarks are not as easy to brush aside as they were before.

4. (U) Although the attendance at his speeches is clearly down, they may be attracting more radical supporters. For example, we noticed the prominent display of both Communist party and ETA flags in Chavez's December 10 speech in Plaza Caracas. At least in the case of the Communists, Chavez singled them out for applause.

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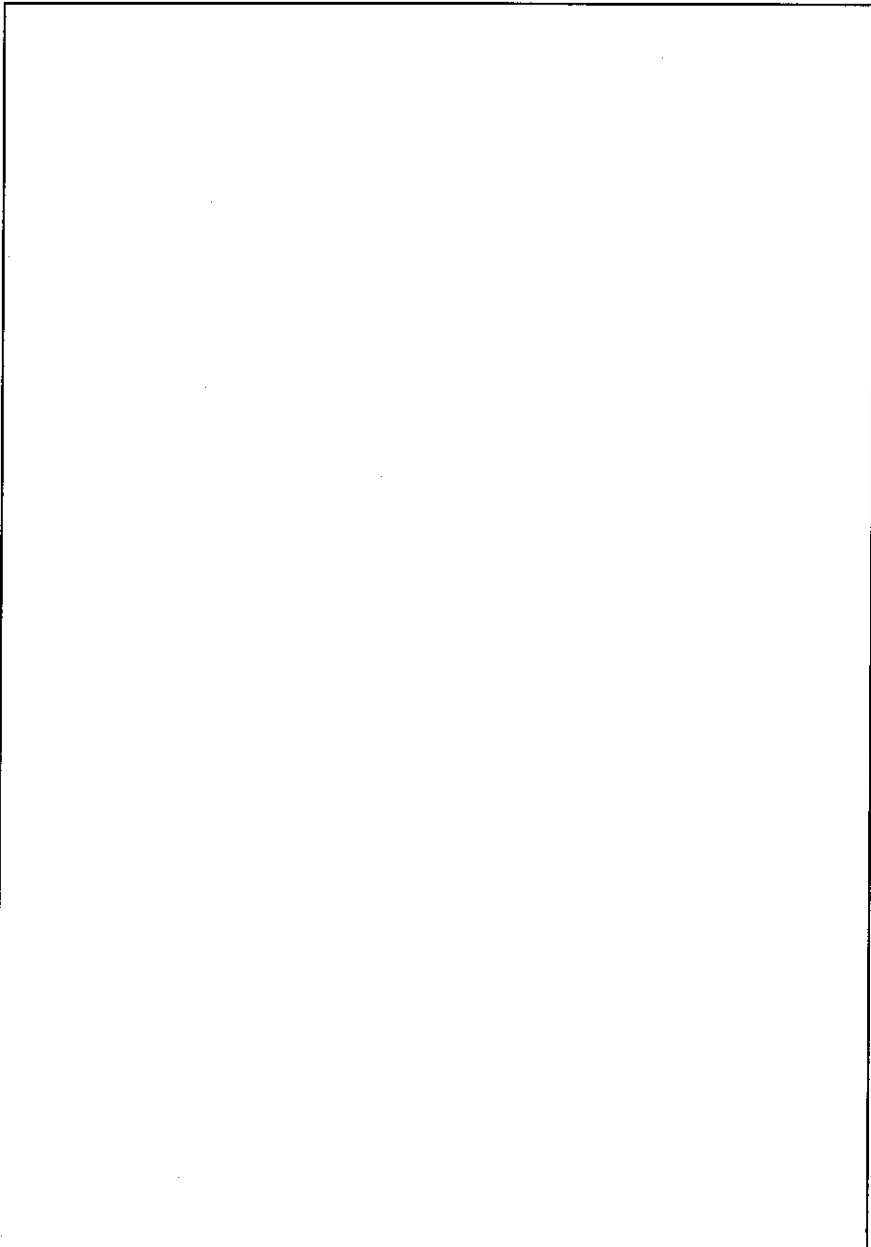
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7. (U) Chavez is threatening retaliation against the businesses and has ordered MVR deputy and party leader Francisco Ameliach to comply a "black list" of those that participated in the shutdown and has mentioned the need to review government contracts. Some MVR hardliners like Oscar Mezza even want Chavez to declare a "state of exception." Indeed, a large MVR banner spanning the street next to the National Assembly advocates just that.



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